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SUBJECT: LOS: GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2 MAY

1. SUMMARY: GENERAL COMMITTEE APPROVED CONCEPT OF HOLDING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS DURING INTERSESSION AND UN WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES AS AVAILABLE IN NEW YORK OR GENEVA. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT SESSION WAS DISCUSSED BUT NO DECISION WAS TAKEN; IT WILL BE CONSIDERED AGAIN 7 MAY. IN ABSENCE OF INVITATION BY ANY LDC TO HOST CONFERENCE N.Y. OR GENEVA APPEAR INEVITABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. LOS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT (AMERASINGHE) CHAIRED GENERAL COMMITTEE (GC) SESSION 2 MAY TO CONSIDER TWO AGENDA ITEMS: (A) DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT SESSION AND, (B) INTER-SESSIONAL WORK.

3. A. NEXT SESSION: ACCORDING TO UN SECRETARIATE (RUTLEDGE) IF UNCLASSIFIED

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IT IS DECISION OF CONFERENCE TO MEET EARLY IN 1976 THE FOLLOWING

SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE WITHOUT SERIOUS DISRUPTIONS OF EXISTING COMMITMENTS TO OTHER MEETING:

--GENEVA 19 JAN - 5 MAR (7 WEEKS)
--NEW YORK 2 FEB - 9 APR (8 WEEKS);

AND POSSIBLE EXTENSION WITH REDUCED FACILITIES UNTIL 23 APRIL.

4. REMARKS BY REPS OF REGIONAL GROUPS REVEALED THAT FEW HAD FOCUSED SERIOUSLY ON ISSUE SO AMERASINGHE ALLOWED MORE TIME FOR CONSULTATION ON QUESTION OF VENUE AND TIMING AND GC WILL MEET AGAIN ON 7 MAY TO CONSIDER ISSUE. AFRICAN, ASIANS AND LAS STILL PREFER HOLDING CONFERENCE IN LDC BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO OFFERS YET BY ANY LDC TO BE HOST. AMB. STEVENSON STATED U.S. CONCERN ABOUT LENGTH OF SESSION, (8 WEEKS IS MINIMUM), AND SAID THAT POSSIBILITY SHOULD EXIST FOR EXTENSION IF NECESSARY.

5. B. INTERSESSIONAL WORK. AMERASINGHE URGED GC TO APPROVE CONCEPT OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN AND AMONG GROUPS. NO MANDATE WAS REQUESTED BUT EARLY NOTIFICATION BY GROUPS TO SECRETARIAT WAS ASKED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. WITH EXCEPTION OF PERU ALMOST ALL GC MEMBERS AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD RECEIVE AND DISTRIBUTE ANY COMMENTS BY GOVERNMENTS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE UNIFIED TEXTS.

6. AMB. STEVENSON SUPPORTED HOLDING NEXT SESSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND, TO SUSTAIN MOMENTUM, HE URGED LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR INTER-SESSIONAL WORK. HE SAID THAT SUCH WORK IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT SINCE THE UNIFIED TEXTS WILL CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF THE NEXT SESSION. CONSULTATIONS COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO AGREE ON SINGLE AMENDMENTS RATHER THAN BE FACED WITH A PROLIFERATION OF AMENDMENTS. FURTHER, MORE EFFICIENT WORK AT NEXT SESSION COULD BE EXPECTED IF RESULTS OF WORK OF INFORMAL GROUPS COULD BE AVAILABLE AT ITS OPENING RATHER THAN DEVELOPED DURING THE CONFERENCE SESSION ITSELF.

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